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THE MANAGERS

OF THE

Apprentices' Library Company

OF

PHILADELPHIA.

WITH AN APPENDIX.

Read at a meeting of the Company, held at their Rooms, on the 14th of March, 1836, and published by their order.

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1836.

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TO THE

APPRENTICES' LIBRARY COMPANY.

The period has again arrived when it becomes the duty of the Board of Managers to present to the company a statement of the affairs of the Institution. It is with much satisfaction the Managers are enabled to say, that the Library still continues to afford the means of intellectual recreation, and instruction to the young.

Great care is bestowed in the selection of the books, and it is believed that none are to be found on the shelves that are not calculated to improve the morals, correct the taste, or enlighten the understanding.

Since the last report, 530 volumes have been added to the collection, which now contains about 9000 volumes; and 875 new applicants admitted to the use of the Library. During the past year, an average of 761 apprentices and other young persons have enjoyed its advantages; and from its foundation in 1820, upwards of 10,000 of the youth of

our city and its vicinity have participated in its benefits.

In the year 1835, nineteen members were added to the Company.

In consequence of the sale of the property in Carpenter street, and of the present proprietor requiring the whole building for his own use, the Board have been obliged to procure another situation for the Library. After much inquiry and consideration, a room in the house recently occupied as the United States Mint has been selected. The locality is central and the rent not high.

It is much to be desired that funds should be provided, which would enable the board to purchase or erect a building suitable for the accommodation of the Library, and where it would be permanently fixed, as a removal is always attended with expense and inconvenience.

The Treasurer's account will exhibit the receipts and expenditures of the company for the year that has just closed.

The expenses have been guarded with strict economy.

The Board regret that the receipts are so limited, and depend in so great a degree upon annual contributions. These are so liable to fluctuate, that it is greatly to be wished that a larger portion of the income of the Institution should be derived from a more permanent source. Indeed, our whole reve-

nue is so limited, as to circumscribe the sphere of usefulness of the Library.

The Managers however indulge the hope, that the liberality of the citizens of Philadelphia will supply the funds necessary to place the Apprentices' Library on a permanent basis, and to extend its advantages to all those for whose benefit it was founded.

By direction and on behalf of the Board of Managers,

HENRY TROTH, *Chairman.*

FREDERICK FRALEY, *Sec'ry.*

Philadelphia, March 1, 1836.

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"The Apprentices' Library Company of Philadelphia," in account with Samuel Sellers, Treasurer. From March 9th, 1835, to March 14th, 1836.

Dr.			Cr.			
To Cash paid sundry orders of Board of Managers,			By Balance,			73 04
For Rent of Library Room,		125 00	By Cash, amount collected of members deducting Commission,			495 95
" Salaries of Librarians,		309 22	" Donations, from Robt. W. Sykes, Esq.	50		
" Printing, and Blank Books,		41 73	from others,		2 50	52 50
" Oil,		49 25	" from Librarian, fines and catalogues,			200 50
" Room Committee, Janitor, and Sundries for use of Room,		59 80	" One year's Ground Rent,			75 00
" Book Committee,		200 00	" Dividends Bank of North America,			28 00
" Serving Notices and Report,		13 00	" of Managers for non-attendance.			10 87
" Insurance for $1500,		6 00				
To Balance due Company carried down,		131 86			Dolls.	935 86
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Philadelphia, March 14th, 1836.

SAMUEL SELLERS, *Treasurer.*

Philada. 3d Month 14th, 1836. The subscribers having examined and settled the accounts of Samuel Sellers, Treasurer, as above stated, find the same to be correct, there being a balance due the Company, in his hands, of one hundred and thirty-one dollars eighty-six cents.

PHILIP GARRETT, } Committee.
JOSEPH CRESSON. }

OFFICERS AND MANAGERS

OF THE

APPRENTICES' LIBRARY COMPANY.

President, JOHN SERGEANT.
Vice-President, PHILIP GARRETT,
Secretary, ANTHONY FINLEY,
Treasurer, SAMUEL SELLERS.

BOARD OF MANAGERS,

Henry Troth,	Thomas Savery,
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Thomas Ridgway,	Charles Roberts,
Frederick Fraley,	William Kite,
John Bouvier,	William H. White,
Townsend Sharpless,	Jesse Godley,
James J. Barclay,	George W. Gill.

Thomas M'Collin, *Librarian.*

The Library is open on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from the 1st of March to 1st September, from half past six, to half past nine, P. M., and from 1st of September to 1st March, from six to nine, P. M., and on every Saturday from four to half past nine, P. M.

Form of a Devise or Bequest.

I give, devise, and bequeath, to the Apprentices' Library Company of Philadelphia, ——.